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34 TEDWORTH SQUARE - CHELSEA S W 3

Flaxman 8722

September 10, 1960

Dear Mr Franklin,

Thank you v. much for yr
letter of September 8 & in particular
for yr. kindly warning about not
putting the subcommittees in a position
in which they have to be included.
I will certainly see this is taken
up ——— and am so glad I consulted
you, or we might have (or certainly
wt. have) put our foot in it.

I enclose a copy of Mr Karpis's
paper for item (a) of the Agenda
for the meeting of the Mayor sub-
committee. (I sent the original
papers to you by post yesterday
as without them you might

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find difficulty in following the
 comments). It will of
 course require alteration
 for the Baboum in the light
 of the letter.

I filled in the number of
 persons involved in the two
 operations (43) from old list
 in his possession - but I was
 like this checked. For instance Edg.
 Baboum is not in my CMF list
 (nor is A. Baboum). How are
 they on the CMF Council? Is it
 by custom, tradition or in the
 constitution? If they are on they
 ought to be considered for the
 awards. So there may be others.
 Miss Moore was not on my CMF
 list but I remembered she was on
 both.

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I am so glad you agree w. a sub-committee to manage the PDS. We can think about this a little later on.

I am going to suggest to Mrs. Walton that the Agenda for the meeting of the CMF on October 19 shd. be as short as possible & that we try to get through the business as quickly as is consistent w. giving it proper consideration.

I am glad you agree about Miss Handcastle; I hope Michael does too. He did mention something about pensions or partying gifts at the last CMF meeting; but I think he was only referring to a cook.

I think the whole question of
 who speaks or pensions v. Filial
 — and in future I think
 it ought not. (even for works)
 to be brought up in open meeting
 w. staff present; simply because, if
 you pension the works there is
 a precedent for pensioning or
 giving heavily presents to others. I
 rather feel the procedure shd. be
 (a) To raise the question by confidential
 letter to the chairman (b) if there is any
 doubt to have an informal discussion
 w. few of those members of high
 standing in the movement or (c) if
 the point is not resolved only to
 discuss it in general meeting
 without staff being in attendance.

yours sincerely
 Paul.

29/9/1960

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September 15
1960

Dear Mrs Franklin
Just a line to welcome
you home & to thank
you for the most useful
briefing for yesterday's
meeting of the Mergers
Sub-committee. I think
all went satisfactorily
— really v. satisfactorily
considering — but
Michael will fill you
in on details.

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I enclose a letter
from Robert Nuttall
about resigning owing
to pressure of other
work from the Hon.
Presidency. I am
afraid it looks as tho
we shd. have to
look for someone else;
can you think of
anyone?

Yours ever
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into preliminary arguments for consideration by the P.E.W. committee and C.W.F. Council will be for Mr. Rogers.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to Jesslyn Norton and I am sending Mr. Franklin and him a copy of this letter.

Yours truly,

(signed) WALTER W. WATSON

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The Hon. Mrs. Franklin, C.B.E.,
Glasgow,
Edy,
Latterberry,
Co. Donegal.

with applicants.

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8th September, 1960.

Mrs. Walton,
Galleons,
High Lane, Munkley,
Swansea.

I had a very pleasant interview with Mr. Ranger this morning in which we discussed proposals for settling the constitution of the new merged Council and some of the points you and I considered in the draft documents to be considered next Wednesday.

With regard to the constitution, he thoroughly approved in principle of what we both had in mind with regard to electing nominated members and ensuring equality and fairness of representation between the 2 associations. He thought, however, that we had done more than we need in including the whole machinery in the draft letter document C. He suggested outlining the principles there and detailing the machinery elsewhere. He would also like the merger sub-committee to consider whether the procedure could not be somewhat simplified. I think there might well be ways of doing this, but I do not want to get carried if there is any chance of misunderstanding or feeling that there has been any unfairness. I left it to Mr. Ranger to put his suggestions into a form of a draft which we could consider at the sub-committee.

With regard to suggested amendments I told Mr. Ranger that Miss Chalmersley wanted to include in some definite place in the draft documents, the agreed principle that the name "Founder Charlotte Mason" be printed on letter headings and on every other suitable place. He agreed that this should go at the end of paragraph 2 of document B; I also suggested that we might find some place in the Memorandum of Association. I do not think it is suitable for inclusion in the Articles.

I mentioned that in the little history of the Movement in the draft letter we had omitted any reference to the "Parents' Review". I suggested that on page 2 of document C after line 1, we should insert some such sentence as "It publishes, each month, the Parents' Review which was founded by Charlotte Mason in 1936".

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and continues to serve as the organ of the whole Movement". On that page I also mentioned that in paragraph 2, line 3, it would be more accurate to say instead of "after her death" the words "in 1950".

Mrs. Franklin was concerned to ensure that the synopsis was included. In fact it will be because it is at present in the Memorandum of Association (as you and I verified) and is not in the Articles of Association. The Memorandum was not circulated with the Articles because no change was contemplated.

Mrs. Franklin also wanted to be assured that the new Council could appoint committees and sub-committees; this is provided by paragraph 58 in the Articles, document 4.

There was also the point about both parents being members. Mr. Ranger will be considering the necessary amendments to the Articles to ensure that this very important point of policy continues but that only 1 vote can be registered. The paragraphs of the Articles involved are 1, 2 and 29.

The question of making annual subscriptions is an important one or we shall have difficulty in getting the right people on to the Council. I therefore consulted him about Article 39. Mr. Ranger said that the word "eligible" in that Article took into account the provisions of Article 2 but that he would think about making the point more obvious.

There will be a number of consequential alterations, e.g., Articles 36, 37 and 38 will come out and there will be a number of other similar amendments.

I feel rather badly about you not visiting your father and so, of course, if you think you would like to go I am sure we could arrange something. At the same time I should like to have you for lunch very much, and it is true there may be things to discuss afterwards informally. I have in mind the possibility that at some stage we should make lists of the persons involved by the various suggestions for the new constitution. It is, of course, possible that someone may refer to this at the meeting of the sub-committee. Apart from this, although the meeting looks important, owing to the amount of paper circulated, a great deal of the work has been done in advance of the meeting; at any rate, the work of explaining what it is all about as it is just possible that the meeting may be much shorter than you and I originally thought. However, my experience of meetings is that you can never tell what points will be raised and how long the discussions may

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Mr. Walton.

8th September, 1960.

take.

I had a letter from Mrs. Bailey this morning to say that she would have some difficulty in getting up from Birmingham by 10 a.m. My wife has written to her and asked whether she would stay the night before the meeting. I hope she will be able to do this.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Ranger.

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34 TEDWORTH SQUARE CHELSEA S.W. 3

Flaxman 5722

January 12, 1960

Dear Mr Franklin,

Thank you for yr. letter of January 11 about the little paper I circulated hoping it might help in our deliberations about banking arrangements for the new PNEU.

With regard to your first comment about the future connection between the PNEU and Charlotte Mason College, there is a difference between what some of us hope for and what others expect to get. We can no longer count on sitting at, or, as we would in theory when we owned the college — but we have our form representatives on the governing body. In practice, however, behind the less-important educational policy

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 The Council must know what is being
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With regard to your second comment
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wrong that the cost of common
services has in the past fallen
entirely on the PNEU. I am sure
the Finance Subcommittee when
we meet on Tuesday will give
prioritisation to this point. I
take it that your remedy would
mean substituting for the last
sentence of para II one which
provided that all receipts by the
PUS should be paid into the
London account which would
then become the account for departments
(A) (C) and (D). There would also
have to be a drafting in paragraph
3 of Paper I and paragraph 5
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of £2500 increased by the
amount it will be necessary for
payment of P.V.S. expenses.

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V. many thanks again for yr.
kind interest.

P.S. I am sending you copies of your own reply to Mr. Nathan & Mr. Jones. (6) Fred Harrison signed by

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The Hon. Mrs. Franklin, C.B.E.

WITH THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S COMPLIMENTS

In sending on this letter to you, we have enclosed a typed copy as you may find it easier to read; we did an extra one when it was copies for Mr. Joss and Mr. Nuttall.

23/Jan/60

GOVT.

34, Tedworth Square,
Chelsea, S.W.3.

12th. January, 1961.

Dear Mrs. Franklin,

Thank you for your letter of January 11th. about the little paper I circulated hoping it might help in our deliberations about banking arrangements for the new F.N.E.U.

With regard to your first comment about the future connection between the F.N.E.U. and Charlotte Mason College, there is a difference between what some of us hope for and what others expect to get. We can no longer control the situation, as we could in theory when we owned the College, but we have our four representatives on the governing body. In practice, however, hitherto the all-important educational policy never came before the Foundation, let alone the F.N.E.U., as the reports did not deal with such matters. I hope this will now be changed although it means a change in outlook by the Amblesiders. It will, I hope, be one of the more important functions of the new Council to be kept informed of matters affecting Charlotte Mason educational policy both in the College and the F.U.S. The first report of the Merger Sub-Committee (circulated with the Minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held December 8th., 1960) expressed the hope (in a passage redrafted by Jocelyn Morton) that the representatives (on the L.S.A. Committee) would take an active part and might in their turn, wish to refer from time to time for advice and instructions to the F.N.E.U. In the first instance this will be (if something like my suggestions are agreed to) to Committee (a) who will report of course to the next meeting of the Council. It may prove burdensome to produce these reports, but I regard it as the most important part of our work, in that what is put out by the College and the F.U.S. as Charlotte Mason philosophy and teaching is the end and purpose of all our labours. The Council must know what is being done in its name and consider all variations or new suggestions for policy. One of the reasons for the recent decline in the prestige of the movement is the insularity of Ambleside. The Council really do not know what is going on. This is bad for Ambleside and may result if continued in people of value declining to serve on the Council. The story of Charlotte Mason and other sources of information show how different things were in the early days when you and Charlotte Mason were leading the movement to its pinnacle and the leading figures in the educational world - and indeed the leading figures in the thinking world - were all talking about what it all meant. There was no Ambleside insularity then and there must not be, I hope, any in the future. The result will

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be, I hope, that the P.U.S. and the College will be impressed by the Movement which has a world-wide appeal and that its influence will be felt and followed in both organisations and its philosophy will continue to be spread far and wide.

With regard to your second comment I entirely agree that it is essential that the cost of overheads or common services should be borne by the benefitting departments in a fairly apportioned amount. It is entirely wrong that the cost of common services has in the past fallen entirely on the P.M.E.U. I am sure the Finance Sub-Committee, when we meet on Thursday, will give great attention to this point. I take it that your remedy would mean substituting for the last sentence of paper II one which provided that all receipts by the P.U.S. should be paid into the London account which would then become the account for departments (a), (c) and (d). There would also have to be a redrafting in paragraph 3 of paper I and paragraph 5 will have to have the sum of £2,500 increased by the amount necessary for payment of P.U.S. expenses.

I rather quail before the task of fixing all these matters up. The fact that the leading figures in the C.M.F. are in such widely separated localities makes agreeing points of policy quickly very difficult. Ambleside have not been helpful; and the whole Movement obviously wants uniting and galvanising to fresh activities. In the meantime the Movement must be reorganised quickly as it won't go on for long as it is. It all seems very difficult.

Very many thanks again for your letter and kind interest.

Yours ever,

Signed: BASIL MARSDEN-SMEDLEY.

P.S. I am sending copies of your letter and my reply to Mr. Nuttall and Mr. Joss.